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APPLICANTS: Brad Bongiovanni et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 8, 2004. A shortened statutory period was set to expire one month from the date of the action, making a response due by August 8, 2004.

Applicants hereby choose the invention of group II, claims 20-25 and 46-51, and elect the species of group I, Figures 1, 1A, 3, and 5, without traverse.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Please charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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